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MANUFACTURING THE OPTICAL DISC: : No. 10407-9
(A1028MT-US1)

COMMUNICATION AFTER ALLOWANCE

On October 24, 2002, Applicants filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office an Information Disclosure Statement and form PTO/SB/08A with reference. The form PTO/SB/08A initialed by the Examiner has not been received by Applicants. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return the PTO/SB/08A form filed on October 24, 2002. Duplicate copies of the Information Disclosure Statement, PTO/SB/08A form and date stamped postcard from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office are enclosed.

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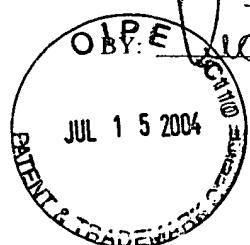


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

It is requested that the enclosed reference listed on the attached Information Disclosure Citation Form PTO/SB/08A be considered by the Patent Examiner in connection with the above-identified application and be made of record therein.

Certification Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1)

I hereby certify that the enclosed reference was first cited in a Communication dated August 12, 2002 from the Taiwanese Patent Office concerning counterpart Taiwan Application No. 90124087, not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

Independent consideration and acknowledgment of the enclosed reference are respectfully requested.

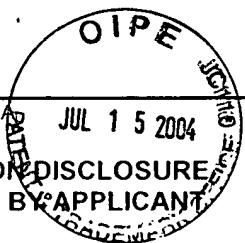
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